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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA REFUGEES IN TAIWAN

CINCPACREP GUAM FOR SENIOR CIVIL ADMINISTRATOR

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REF: A. STATE 145084 B. TAIPEI 3575 C. TAIPEI 3234

1. EMBASSY WISHES TO RAISE AGAIN ON URGENT BASIS NEED TO MOVE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES PRESENTLY HOUSED IN GROC MARINE CORPS CAMP NEAR KAOHSIUNG TO GUAM. WAKE ISLAND OR OTHER STAGING AREA BEFORE JUNE 30 DEADLINE (REF C). GROC REMINDED EMBASSY END OF LAST WEEK THAT CAMP MUST RPT MUST BE RETURNED TO DEFENSE MINISTRY BY THAT DATE. IF REFUGEES STILL IN TAIWAN JUNE 30 MOFA WILL BE FORCED TO BREAK UP THE FAMILITES, SENDING THE CHILDREN TO ORPHANAGES AND SCATTERING THE ADULTS TO GOVERNMENT HOSTELS THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND, CREATING WHAT WOULD BE LOGISTICAL NIGHTMARE FOR ONWARD TRANSPORT TO U.S.

2. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT DEPARTMENT TRAVEL PLAN TO BE ARRANGED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY ICEM (REF A) IS FOR ALL 290 REFUGEES DISCUSSED IN REF B.
FOR CONVENIENCE, WE HAVE DIVIDED THEM INTO TWO GROUPS:
CATEGORY A TOTALING 184 ARE REFUGEES FROM PANAMANIAN FLAGIHIPS FOR WHOM THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED RESPONSI-

BILITY (PARA 2 TAIPEI 3575). CATEGORY B, INCLUDING 106
REFUGEES RESCUED BY CHINESE FLAG FISHING BOATS, APPEARS TO
QUALIFY INDIVIDUALLY ON BASIS OF EMPLOYMENT WITH USG OR
FAMILY RELATIONSHIP (PARA 4 TAIPEI 3575), PLEASE NOTE
CATEGORY B HAS BEEN INCREASED BY 15 BECAUSE OF ARRIVAL OF WHAT
WE UNDERSTAND TO BE LAST CHINESE SHIP CARRYING REFUGEES.
ALL 15 APPEAR TO QUALIFY FOR PAROLE.

- 3. REMOVAL OF THESE 290 REFUGEES WILL LEAVE THE CAMP WITH SEVERAL MISCELLANEOUS GROUPS MOST OF WHOM DESTINED FOR SETTLEMENT OUTSIDE THE U.S.:
- A. ONE FAMILY OF 11 WHO WISH TO GO TO SWITZERLAND.
- B. ONE FAMILY OF FIVE FOR AUSTRALIA (WIFE HAS BEEN EMPLOYEE OF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN SAIGON SINCE 1969).
- C. FOUR PEOPLE WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS IN FRANCE.
- D. TWO LONE ARVN ENLISTED MEN WHO WISH TO GO TO THE U.S. BUT DO NOT APPEAR ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE UNDER PRESENT GUIDESLINES. REQUEST AND URGE THAT THESE LAST TWO BE ACCEPTED INTO U.S. PIPELINE TO AVOID HAVING ONLY TWO LEFT BEHIND WHO ARE UNASSIMILABLE IN TAIWAN.
- 4. EMBASSY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT GROC (IN ADDITION TO RESETTLING OVER 1400 CHINESE REFUGEES) HAS COOPRATED FULLY WITH U.S. ON REFUGEE MATTERS, INCLUDING FEEDING AND HOUSING FOR MORE THAN A MONTH THE 184 FOR WHOM THE U.S. HAS ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY.
- 5. ACTION REQUSTED: WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THESE REFUGEES INTO PIPELINE BEFORE JUNE 30 TO ACCOMMODATE GROC (AND ESPECIALLY TO AVOID BREAK-UP OF FAMILIES) IF POSSIBLE AND, IF NOT, TO ADVISE GROC APPROXIMATELY WHEN WE CAN EXPECT MOVEMENT TO OCCUR. PLEASE INSTRUCT ASAP. UNGER UNCLASSIFIED

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